NASDAQ Clean Edge Green Energy Index and Smart Grid Infrastructure Index Announce Semi-Annual Changes

Oakland, CA/Portland, OR, September 21, 2015 — Clean Edge, Inc. today announced the results of the semi-annual evaluation of the NASDAQ® Clean Edge® Green Energy Index (NASDAQ: CELS) and the NASDAQ® Clean Edge® Smart Grid Infrastructure Index (NASDAQ: QGRD), both of which became effective prior to today's market open.

NASDAQ Clean Edge Green Energy Index (CELS):
The following three securities have been added to the CELS Index: Codexis, Inc. (CDXS); Ormat Technologies, Inc. (ORA); and SolarEdge Technologies, Inc. (SEDG).

The NASDAQ Clean Edge Green Energy Index is designed to track the performance of clean-energy companies that are publicly traded in the U.S. The Index includes companies engaged in the manufacturing, development, distribution, and installation of emerging clean-energy technologies such as solar photovoltaics, advanced batteries, hybrid and electric vehicles, and renewable materials. The five major sub-sectors that the index covers are Renewable Electricity Generation; Renewable Fuels; Energy Storage & Conversion; Energy Intelligence; and Advanced Energy-Related Materials. The securities must also meet other eligibility criteria which include minimum requirements for market value, average daily share volume, and price. The NASDAQ® Clean Edge® Green Energy Index is re-ranked semi-annually in March and September.

The Index is the basis for the First Trust NASDAQ Clean Edge Green Energy Index Fund (NASDAQ: QCLN), which seeks investment results that correspond generally to the price and yield of the NASDAQ Clean Edge Green Energy Index before fees and expenses.

As a result of the evaluation, the following three securities have been removed from the Index: FuelCell Energy, Inc. (FCEL); Yingli Green Energy Holding (YGE); and EMCORE Corporate (EMKR).

NASDAQ Clean Edge Smart Grid Infrastructure Index (QGRD):
No securities were added to or removed from the Index for this semi-evaluation.

The Index is designed to act as a transparent and liquid benchmark for the smart grid and electric infrastructure sector. The Index includes companies that are primarily engaged and involved in electric grid; electric meters, devices, and networks; energy storage and management; and enabling software used by the smart grid and electric infrastructure sector. The securities must also meet other eligibility criteria which include minimum requirements for market capitalization and average daily dollar trading volume. The NASDAQ OMX Clean Edge Smart Grid Infrastructure Index is evaluated semi-annually in March and September.

[The First Trust NASDAQ® Clean Edge® Smart Grid Infrastructure Index Fund](#) (NASDAQ:GRID), is an exchange traded fund that seeks investment results that correspond generally to the price and yield, before the Fund's fees and expenses, of the NASDAQ OMX® Clean Edge® Smart Grid Infrastructure Index.

For more information about the NASDAQ Clean Edge Green Energy Index and the NASDAQ OMX Clean Edge Smart Grid Infrastructure Index, including detailed eligibility criteria, visit https://indexes.nasdaqomx.com/.

About Clean Edge, Inc.
Clean Edge, Inc., founded in 2000, is the world's first research and advisory firm devoted to the clean- tech sector. The firm delivers an unparalleled suite of clean-energy benchmarking services including stock indexes, utility and consumer surveys, and state and metro leadership tracking, providing companies, investors, NGOs, and governments with timely research, trending analysis, and actionable insights. Managing director Ron Pernick and senior editor Clint Wilder are coauthors of the widely acclaimed business books *The Clean Tech Revolution* (HarperCollins, 2007) and *Clean Tech Nation* (HarperCollins, 2012). To keep abreast of the latest clean-tech trends, or for more information on the company,
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